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To: All Stakeholders

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Subject: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Access to intellectual and adaptive behavior assessments for
determination of a Developmental Disability

Purpose: To inform self-advocates, family members, Community Centered Boards (CCBs), advocates, and all other interested Stakeholders that Community Mental Health Centers conduct intellectual and adaptive behavior assessments, also known as psychological tests, for Medicaid clients.

Background: On August 1, 2013 the definition of Developmental Disability changed to clarify that a person must have an impairment of general intellectual functioning and/or adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with Mental Retardation. The complete definition and requirements for a Determination of Developmental Disability can be found at 10 CCR 2505-10 §8.600.4 Definitions and 10 CCR 2505-10 8.607.2 Determination of Developmental Disability respectively. These definitions can also be found by following this link: [Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#). Alternatively, the following link can be pasted into a web browser: <http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=5649&fileName=10%20CCR%202505-10%208.600>.

Procedure or Information: Results of a norm-referenced, standardized test are required in order to demonstrate a person's impairment of general intellectual functioning and/or adaptive behavior is similar to that of a person with an intellectual disability. Test results can be obtained from school records, medical records, and any other individual records. However, if these records are not available or the tests performed do not meet the requirements of being norm-referenced and standardized, another test will be necessary.



Testing may be available through the school district, private insurance, or other community organizations. For individuals enrolled in Medicaid, psychological tests are a covered benefit. For information on how to access Medicaid for these tests, please refer to the attached Fact Sheet. Community Mental Health Centers also provide these services on an income-based sliding scale.

Attachments: Developmental Disability Determination Fact Sheet

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